(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Sector Banks are not filing recovery suits against the defaulting creditors; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASHAEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in import duty on crude palmolein oil

2649. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have increased the import duty on crude palmolein;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the import of crude palmolein has increased in last five years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With effect from 1st March, 2001, the import duty on crude palmolein, of edible grade imported in loose or bulk form, has been increased from 55% to 75%. However, crude palmolein imported by sick units for the manufacture of vanaspati attracts duty of 55%.

(c) to (e) A separate six-digit tariff heading for crude palmolein does not exist in the Customs Tariff. Accordingly, revenue figures exclusively for import of the commodity are not available for the last five years.

Impact of privatisation on economy

2650. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the privatisation impact on the ongoing process of Government's role from the controller to a contributor under the changed economic world had made any impact on economy;

(b) if not, what are the main reasons therefor; and

(c) by what time privatisation will have impact on our economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) One of the objectives of privatisation is to undertake efficient-prodution, which is also influenced by other factors such as domestic and international competition infrastructure and resource availability, human capital, etc. and is a continuous process. It is, therefore, not possible to isolate the effects of privatisation *pre-se.*

Mahila unit scheme of UTI

2651. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in January, 2001, the Unit Trust of India has launched the open-ended UTI Mahila Unit Scheme;

(b) if so, what are the features thereof;

(c) whether the Securities and Exchange Board of India has already cleared this scheme;

(d) by what time this scheme is likely to be introduced;

(e) whether this scheme will be introduced all over the country or in certain areas only; and

(f) if so, to what extent it will be beneficial to the women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The Unit Trust of India (UTI) has launched an exclusive scheme for women name—UTI Mahila Unit Scheme' (MUS) on 8th March, 2001.

(b) The detailed features of the Scheme are provided in a Memorandum which is available with offices of UTI and their agents/representatives. The main features of the Scheme are provided in the Statement (*See* below)

(c) The Scheme has been launched after obtaining the necessary clearance from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

(d) The Scheme has already been launched on 8th March, 2001.